



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

U.S. Patent Application)
Serial No.: 10/083,476)
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Title: MODIFICATION OF)
BIOASSAYS FOR DETECTION)
OF ANTIGENS)
CHARACTERISTIC OF)
BACTERIA THAT ARE)
CAUSATIVE OF EAR AND)
RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS)
TO ELIMINATE FALSE)
POSITIVE RESULTS CAUSED)
BY NASOPHARYNGEAL)
COLONIZATION OF)
CHILDREN)

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Devi, S.J.N.

**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION
OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION
DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2005**

Applicants hereby respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a), that the time for response to the Office communication herein dated February 23, 2005 be extended three months from March 23, 2005 to and including June 23, 2005.

A check to cover the small entity three month extension fee of \$510.00 is

transmitted herewith.



This petition is made as a result of a communication herein from the Office holding that Applicants' Response submitted, via facsimile on March 23, 2005, to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment herein dated February 23, 2005 is unacceptable. Said notice of June 7, 2005 notifies that the time for compliant response still runs from February 23, 2005 and that this application will be held abandoned unless applicants both correct the deficiency and obtain an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (a).

Applicants are concurrently filing a response believed to be fully compliant and corrective of the deficiency in all criticized respects and they accordingly request grant of the requested time extension to avoid abandonment of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that appears to read "Mary Helen Sears".

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